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On February 14th, in Paris, Mr. A. A. H.  
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(By telegraph.)HONGKONG OFFICE—10A, DES VEOUX ROAD, C.  
LONDON OFFICE—131, FLEET STREET, E.C.The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1908

Our own particular journalistic GAMALIEL used to tell us that the majority of people are very ignorant, very stupid, and amongst the educated classes, very affected. That was a good many years ago, and has lost its force, except, perhaps, as regards affectations. It never did apply with any justice to Far Eastern communities. In a place like Hongkong, it is distinctly encouraging to know that there is more genuine culture to the square yard than mob-land can boast of in the square mile. For evidence in support of the claim, please note the fact that in a busy commercial community, further occupied by the distractions of race, week, a busy Consul can lecture, and a considerable number listen to or read, observations about such an apparently unattractive back-number as Dr. SAMUEL JOHNSON. But conventions and affectations linger in the most "high-toned" communities, and we were not surprised to find that Dr. WILDER, in his lecture on Dr. JOHNSON, accepted the traditional view of that literary canon. We had not space to spare for the lecture, but may notice by giving it a little notice here, especially as, at the moment, there is no livelier topic to the fore. It ought at least to add interest to the not very exciting subject when it is seen that we do not share the conventional (and may we say, hollow?) admiration for a character who, were he living to-day, would scarcely be counting on Westminster Abbey as his last resting place. To adopt such a con-

tradition stand is quite JOHNSONIAN, though in a newspaper, it may be less admired. Sometimes to fail to say what ought to be said, or what is expected to be said, is to court the reproaches recently bestowed upon Dr. MORRISON, and upon others. However, in endeavouring to shock Dr. JOHNSON's admirers, as we said before, we shall be quite JOHNSONIAN. Apparently he used seriously to believe that the public needed shocking, as in his remark, quoted by Dr. WILDER, that he had "no passion for clean linen." Imagine how the company would look at each other at a modern dinner-table, if such bad taste were to be repeated. Even in fun it would be disgusting, but in the case of Dr. JOHNSON, it is on record that his habits matched his speech. Boswell's biography lives because of its writer, not because of its subject. With no Boswell, there would possibly have been no JOHNSON. It is an object lesson of one result of writing too well. In his city that we should "clear one's mind of cant," we are particularly at one with Boswell's hero, but we are indisposed to trust his complete sincerity, so far as our small reading goes. Our knowledge of him, like that of Dr. WILDER, is of course derivative; and if we diverge from the American Consul's admiring view of George Thirl's pensioner, it is because we have loved the idol-maker more than the idol itself. We could have revered Boswell; but for the arrogant, bad tempered, narrow minded Dr. JOHNSON we have no sympathy beyond that due to his common humanity. Boswell was Scotch and it is passing strange that he should have wasted so much beautiful hero-worship on a cantankerous and insularly prejudiced man who could speak so bitterly and disrespectfully of wholesome oatmeal. It was his youth, of course. The elderly celebrity was viewed through the rosy spectacles of Boswell's unanalysing years, and because of his (Boswell's) flexible and graceful writing, always apt and pointed, discreet and convincing, we have Dr. JOHNSON among the mortals, where his own stilted stuff could surely never have placed him. Dr. WILDER mentioned with apparent awe that his romance, "Baselias," was written at a pot-boiler in half a dozen evenings. It is quite believable. The extraordinary thing, inexplicable unless the comparative dearth of writers in those days be remembered, is that it should so quickly have found a publisher. He was a more political pamphleteer of average merit, if we take his output as a whole, while as a conversationalist, he would not be tolerated in modern society. Narrow, dogmatic, intolerant, his first audience would be his last. Look how positively he settled an argument as to what became of swallows in winter. "Certainly," he averred, they "sleep all the winter," "conglutinated" under the ice or water of a river. Then his dictum on SHAKESPEARE, who, according to Dr. JOHNSON, "never wrote six consecutive good lines." Gray, Swift, Voltaire, Gibbon, and other such giants (compared with him) wrote "poor stuff." His politics might have suited a Crown Colony. "Governments," he said, "should turn out of the Civil Service all who were on the other side." He lumped together as intolerable creatures all Whigs, Nonconformists, Scotsmen, Americans, and many others. These things (for ignoring which Dr. WILDER and the Union Church members must be accounted very charitable) and many others like them, were usually uttered in a roaring voice, to shout down and intimidate all who might hold different opinions. As to the strength underlying his convictions, turn up his famous dictionary, at the word "pension," and compare what he says there with his acceptance of the bounty of the Third George. To most remarks by his peers, the usual response was a thunderous "No, Sir," and after a dogmatic and semi-final pronouncement of his own, he would cry "Let us have no more on't." In his own way he was a kind man, a good sort, to those who could meekly endure his tantrums; but he has no claims to such immortality as Boswell has given him, or if he has, he is entitled only to (say) the share that FALSTAFF gets of the fame attaching to the name of SHAKESPEARE.

St. Joseph's College opens to-day (Monday) after the Chinese New Year holidays. The meeting of the Legislative Council called for Thursday has been postponed. His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 15 of 1907, entitled—An Ordinance to prevent the Publication of Seditious Matter. The Handmann Opera Co., who are now at Bangkok, are returning to Hongkong early in March, and purpose remaining here a month. They will open on March 5th, with "The Girls of Götterburg."

We learn that the Spani and Shiah riots at Bombay, reported on Saturday by our London correspondent, have no connection with the Swadeshi movement. The Spani and Shiah are Mohammedan sects, and the riots occurred apparently in connection with the Mohammedan festival of Moharrum, which is usually marked by quarrels of a more or less serious character in Bombay and other parts of India. At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board replies will be read from the Government relative to the limits of the Talkotai market; and to the erection of latrines on the roofs of certain houses in Ke Shing Street. There is also a deal of correspondence to be dealt with concerning applications for modifications of the requirements of certain sections of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" writes as follows on January 7th:—An agreement between the officials of the Great Northern Steamship Company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Japanese line, will be discussed at a conference between Great Northern officials and A. S. Mithra, special American representative of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Mihara left last night for the East by way of Victoria. He will go direct from Victoria to St. Paul, and a story is current among the Japanese that the Nippon line will arrange to charter the big steamship "Minnesota" from the Great Northern. Mihara says that his company intends to increase its fleet in the near future, but has declined to give out the details. Mihara arrived in Seattle on the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner "Tango Maru" and has been investigating commercial conditions here for ten days. He is one of the most prominent transportation men in the Orient, has been with the company for eighteen years, and was recently general manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha offices in Hongkong. From St. Paul Mihara will go to New York, and will open offices there, with the announced intention of diverting the Oriental trade that now goes through San Francisco to Seattle for shipment to Japan, China, and the Philippines. His conference with the Great Northern officials will also have to do with the arrangements for handling the freight and passengers destined for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha ocean liners across the continent over the Great Northern railroad.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.  
The report on the widows' and orphans' fund for the year 1907, to be laid before the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, reads as follows:—The amount to the credit of the fund on the 31st December last was \$317,475.92 including \$17,083.55 for interest. The average monthly contributions amount now to \$2,900. On the 31st December, 1906, the number of contributors on the books was 551 and on the 31st December, 1907, 596, of whom 215 are bachelors, 368 are married men and 18 are widowers. During the year 1904 joined the fund, 44 left and 9 died. The total number of children on the books is 526. Of the 44 who left, 32 resigned the Government Service and 12 were dismissed. The nine subscribers who died were five bachelors, three married men and one widower. The statement of the fund is as under:—

To balance let January, 1907	\$272,961.20
To contributions	\$35,944.96
To less refunds	305.75
Interest	17,083.55
	\$325,727.96
By pensions paid to widows	\$4,228.84
By pensions paid to orphans	507.6
By sums paid on the enrolment of memberships	1,927.68
By expenses of management	\$604.00
By printing	11.00
By auditor's fee	120.0
By balance	\$18,721.47
	\$325,727.96

There are now in the list 37 pensioners whose pensions in dollars aggregate \$4,220.53 per annum. In addition there is one pensioner in sterling, Mrs. Barnes Lawrence, who draws £71.3s. 5d. per annum.

## RIP VAN WINKLE IN REAL LIFE

Berlin, January 10th.  
Professor Eulenburg, the eminent specialist in nervous diseases, this afternoon gave a remarkable description before the German Physiological Association, here of a Government official named Arnhem, who has been continuously asleep since June 10th, 1906. The professor attributes Arnhem's strange condition to a blow to the back of the head caused by a fall. Arnhem's medical attendants at that time were unable to discover any injury to the brain, but ten days later he fell asleep, and he has been sleeping continuously ever since. Professor Eulenburg says the patient is lying on his back in bed, the head being slightly inclined to the right side. The forehead is wrinkled as though the sleeper were disturbed by a bad dream. The limbs can be freely moved. The skin has lost its sensibility. Deep needle pricks do not produce the slightest effect, and other incisions in the flesh, painful for normal beings, do not disturb the sleeper. Deafening noise made close to his ears fails to rouse him, and dazzling lights turned on the eyes are likewise ineffectual. The sleeper is regularly fed. He slowly shows the food placed in his mouth, and swallows it instinctively. During the last forty-three months Arnhem has never once opened his eyes, spoken a syllable, or even betrayed the least sign of consciousness. Sometimes Arnhem's wife, who tends him incessantly with patient care, removes him from the bed, clothes him, and places him in an armchair. In this position he presents an uncanny appearance. He is ghastly pale and motionless, and recalls a figure placed in a wax-show to deceive visitors into the belief that it is a human being. Professor Eulenburg considers a sudden awakening is still possible. Many medical experts have visited Arnhem, and watched the sleeper for long periods without coming to any definite conclusion as to the cause of his long sleep.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## FRANCE AND SPAIN IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, February 13th.

Advices from Madrid state that France has sent a note to Spain requesting that Spain takes a more active part in Morocco, to send a force which would do rather more than the Spaniards did at Casa Blanca. Spain has decided to content herself with organising a police force in accordance with the Algeciras Conference.

## INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR RACE.

LONDON, February 13th.

New York reports that 3 French, 1 German, 1 Italian, and 1 American motor car have started for Paris, via Bahring and Siberia.

## THE NORTH SEA AGREEMENT.

LONDON, February 13th.

In the German Reichstag, Herr Schoen said that the object of the Baltic and North Sea Agreement, was merely to obtain the solemn promise of the States concerned that they would not interfere in the status quo. The question of a *mare clausum* was never entertained.

## THE CRUISE OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET.

LONDON, February 13th.

The citizens of Los Angeles have cordially accepted a proposal of the Japanese residents to participate in the reception of the United States fleet.

## VICKERS MAXIM CO.

LONDON, February 13th.

The Vickers Maxim Co. is issuing £1,000,000 debentures to carry out their arrangements in connection with Armaments to establish works in Japan for the manufacture of ordnance and other products.

## KIAOCHOU.

LONDON, February 13th.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag in reply to a complaint about the cost of the garrison at Kiaochow, said the Government declared that a reduction was impossible, and that Kiaochow was of great value for the dissemination of German influence in China; an abandonment would be regarded as a weakness.

## THE RIOT IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, February 14th.

Disputes between the Sunni and Shiah Mahomedans have led to a riot in which 5 were killed and 40 injured. The police, intervening, were attacked and fired on the mob.

## THE OPIUM QUESTION.

LONDON, February 14th.

Sir Edward Grey in reply to Mr. Cotton in the House of Commons said that he considers it advisable to await the result of the meeting of the Shanghai rate payers before taking further action about the opium demer.

## THE PROPOSED NEW AUSTRIAN RAILWAY SCHEME.

LONDON, February 14th.

The Austrian railway proposal is proving a veritable apple of discord in Europe.

## SPAIN AND FRANCE.

LONDON, February 14th.

The Spanish Government denies any differences with France concerning Morocco.

## THE VATICAN AND IRELAND.

Rome, January 12th.

A report from Cardinal Lugue has just been received saying that he has concluded the Apostolic Process which follows the Decree in the Cause of the Beatification of Oliver Plunkett, Primate of Ireland. The Acts of the Apostolic Process are expected to be ready next February, when they will go before the Congregation of Rites for the final stage. At the same time Monsignor William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, has completed the work with regard to the Judicial phase of the cause of Oliver Plunkett.

The cause of the Irish Martyr is not so advanced. Its advocate here is preparing the arguments favourable to the Beatification, deducing them from the historical evidence given before the Archbishop of Dublin in the Diocesan Court. The arguments of the Advocate will be ready and printed in a few weeks and submitted to the Promoter Fidei in popular language, the "Devil's Advocate." The latter will make all possible objections, which will then have to be answered by the Advocate (Promoter). Both sides will then be examined by the Congregation of Rites, which will then order the Apostolic Process. The latter, responsible for the foregoing, seems to have got mixed between the Advocates Diaboli and the other gentleman, Fidei Promotor.—Ed. H.D.P.]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half yearly general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall at noon on Saturday. Mr. G. H. Medhurst presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. H. Kewrick, Messrs. G. Friesland, A. Fuchs, C. L. Leumann, A. J. Raymond, E. Shellim, H. A. W. Slade, H. E. Tomkins (directors), Mr. J. E. M. Smith (chief manager), Sir Paul Chater, Captain W. E. Clarke, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Dr. J. W. Noble and Messrs. E. G. Barrett, A. J. Williams, John Barton, E. H. Hinds, J. Orange, A. G. Wood, R. Fischer, E. S. Kadoorie, A. F. Smith, J. A. Jupp, W. H. Wickham, Murray Stewart, S. H. Michael, L. Berindogru, H. N. Mody, F. Dodwell, A. Haupt, F. Maitland, G. M. Smith, R. R. Hynd, J. T. Douglas, A. C. Hynes, F. Smyth, D. Landale, C. H. Ross, H. Percy Smith, H. E. R. Hunter, W. Dunbar, J. F. Wright, T. W. Hornby, W. S. Jackson, J. G. Peter, C. W. May, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung-shin and Lau Pun-shin. The CHIEF MANAGER read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN, having read the report already published, said:—Gentlemen, The past half year has witnessed a steady decline in the price of silver and sudden and severe fluctuations in the rates of exchange between China and gold-silver countries: it has been throughout, a period of anxiety to all connected with the East. Nevertheless your Directors have the good fortune to come before you with the very satisfactory report which I have just read, and I hope you will approve of the way we propose to apportion the profits, viz.—a dividend of £2 per share on old shares, a pro rata dividend, or £1.10s. per share, on new shares, plus \$5 loan to Silver Reserve Fund and carry forward a sum of about \$21,000. It may be thought by some that, considering the profits realised, a larger distribution to shareholders might have been made, but with the experience of past years bearing in mind the present dullness of trade in the East, the uneasiness still prevailing throughout the "Commercial" world and the unsettled position of silver, your Directors consider that it is still further building up the reserves they are acting in the true interests of the shareholders (applause). Another reason for increasing our reserves at this time is that notwithstanding the increase of capital, the dividend is raised from 21/5 to 22, which we believe will be considered more satisfactory than a bonus (applause). By adding to the Bank's own resources, as now proposed, I think we may reasonably hope to maintain the half yearly 22 dividend (applause). The issue of the new shares authorized at the extraordinary meeting of shareholders held on the 31st May last has been completed. The calls have been fully paid up and the capital now appears in the balance sheet as \$15,000,000, thus marking a new era in the history of the Bank. Part of the premium derived from the issue has been invested in consols of a face value of £300,000 and this has permitted us to increase the Sterling reserve fund by £500,000: the balance of \$1,200,000 has been carried to the Silver Reserve Fund. If you pass the accounts now before you our Sterling reserve fund will stand at £1,500,000 and our Silver reserve fund at \$13,500,000—a really strong position which I am sure all our supporters will be glad to see, and which cannot fail to increase the Bank's usefulness in developing the foreign trade of the East. A comparison of the present figures with those published six months ago, show that our note circulation, at \$157,000, is less by 24,000. Current accounts and fixed deposits in silver have both increased, while the same accounts in gold are down about 21,000,000, the reduction being chiefly and naturally due to the high rates for money raising in Europe towards the close of the year. Bills payable also show a slight reduction. On the other side of the account our cash and bullion in hand and in transit, taken together, are \$12,000,000 lower. Indian Government Paper and Consols, Colonies and other securities show comparatively little change. Bills receivable are less by \$56,000 but bills, discounted loans, and credits show the substantial increase of \$118,000. Hitherto the custom has been to declare the dividend in sterling at the rate of 4/6 and to show an adjustment between that rate and the rate of the day. This method has long been regarded as somewhat cumbersome and the opportunity afforded by the issue of new shares has been availed of to simplify the accounts by omitting all reference to the 4/6 rate and converting the sterling amount into dollars at the rate of the day, viz.—1/94. I am sure all shareholders will look upon the change as an improvement (applause). During the half year under review, Eastern exchange banking has not been without its difficulties. The financial crisis in the United States, which, let us hope, is now nearing an end, necessitated a considerable curtailment of credit in a large demand for gold from that country, and resulted in a rapid advance in the European discount rates—the Bank of England rate remaining at the abnormally high point of 7 per cent per annum for about 2 months. The high price of money brought in its train a great reduction in the demand for silk, the staple export of China and Japan. The result is seen in overstocked silk markets in France, Italy and America, and a very severe drop in prices. Values have steadily somewhat of late and the position of the home markets is more hopeful. Lack of seasonable rain in India caused the partial failure of crops that one time promised to be good. Trade in that country naturally suffered and the demand for money decreased. The Indian Government consequently ceased to be a purchaser of silver and the effect of this was at once apparent in the fall already referred to in the market price of that metal. The

difference between the highest and lowest quotations for silver during the half year was 8d. or about 25 per cent. The heavy fall in exchange has naturally hampered new business in imports all along the China coast, but in the more important lines the statistical position is greatly improved and from Shanghai it is reported that new orders have recently been placed in the producing markets for some of the standard makes of piece goods. The China New Year settlement passed off better than was at one time anticipated and generally the outlook is in favour of greater activity in trade during the current year. Gentlemen, You are all perfectly aware how depressed trade has been in the Far East during the past six months, and therefore it is very gratifying to us to come before you with such a good report. The fact that we are able to do so is due to the good work done by our Managers, Agents and Staff (applause), and I am sure you will approve of our action in voting them a bonus of 10 per cent on their salaries (applause). While all have worked well your Directors desire on this occasion to make special acknowledgment of the services of our Chief Manager, Mr. Smith (applause), who has so ably and successfully guided the affairs of the Bank through very trying times (applause). I think I have now dealt with all material points of interest connected with the past half year. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall do my best to answer any questions you may desire to put to the Chair.

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts, as presented.

MR. PAUL CHATER—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Reaching this Colony as I did in 1884, I saw the birth of this great institution in 1885 and have watched with keen interest its growth year by year, as from time to time, to meet the exigencies of trade and to further and promote the welfare of this Colony, its capital has risen from its modest starting point of \$2,500,000 until it now reaches the magnificent sum of \$15,000,000 with a reserve of \$28,500,000 or a total of \$43,500,000—a position of which we are all justly proud (applause), and one which assures to the Colony and to our trade in general a continuance of that liberal support from which we have benefited so much in the past (applause). The Colony of Hongkong and the Hongkong Bank have marched side by side for the last 43 years—we are to-day the second shipping port in the world and there is no Banking Institution in a stronger position than ours (applause). Our Chairman has fully reviewed the past six months and it is exceedingly satisfactory to see that, notwithstanding the dull times we have been passing through, the accounts laid before us show that our business still increases. A year ago it was decided to increase our capital by \$50 per cent—this has now been accomplished and the premium on the issue very properly added to our Reserve fund, thereby greatly strengthening our position. As regards the result of the half year now under review we must congratulate ourselves on the splendid result, and while it is no doubt something of a disappointment to some of our Directors have not thought well to make any distribution in the nature of bonus, for my part, I acquiesce in and agree to their decision as, I am sure, having our interest at heart, you all do (applause). Though I venture to hope that, with a continuance of prosperity such as we have experienced recently, they may see fit to return to this most agreeable custom—or better still, an increased dividend (applause). Gentlemen—Go d, results can only be attained by constant, hard, painstaking work and faithful service—such as we are receiving from our Managers, Agents, and Staff throughout (applause), and, I am sure, you will all heartily endorse the remarks of our Chairman on this subject and more particularly those applying to our Chief Manager (applause), on whose shoulders fell the brunt of the work and to whom is due the chief credit for the splendid results now before you, and show your appreciation of the work of our Staff in your approval of the proposal to vote a bonus to them (applause). With these remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. G. BARNETT proposed that the election of Mr. G. Friesland as a Director be confirmed; and that Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Mr. C. E. Leumann and Mr. H. E. Tomkins be re-elected.

Mr. A. J. WILLIAMS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. BARTON, seconded by Mr. E. H. HYND, Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. A. G. Wood were re-elected Auditors. The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen: thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday. Mr. J. ORANGE—The business of the meeting is finished, and after business comes pleasure. It is a pleasure to us all to accord a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Board of Directors, the Chief Manager, the Managers and Staff of the Bank (applause).

The CHAIRMAN—On behalf of the Directors, the Chief Manager, the Managers and Staff, I thank you, gentlemen.

A letter from the Consul-General for the Netherlands to the Colonial Secretary, dated 14th February, says:—Sir, I have the honour to inform you that ships or vessels arriving in Netherlands India from Hongkong are not longer subject to quarantine, the port of Hongkong being declared to be not longer infected with plague. The prohibition of importation of some articles is also cancelled so that all goods can now be imported into Netherlands-India. I have, etc. (Ed.) Drosse Consul-General for Netherlands.



ONE DAY.

Mr. Armstrong's Skirbeck 11st 4lbs (Mr Gegg)	2
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Mr E. Kadoorie's Maori Chief 10st 9lbs 2lbs over (Mr R. Master)	0

Kerr	9	1	60	2
Irving	113/6	2	24	3
Edwards	3	—	23	—
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

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## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES WANTED for L. & O. No. O. 75 bags Trepan arrived per s.s. "SLAVONIA" on the 27th January, 1908 in Through freight from Dar-es-Salaam via Aden, originally shipped from Dar-es-Salaam per s.s. "Khalil". Apply to—

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. 379

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1907 at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling per Old Share and One Pound and Ten Shillings Sterling per New Share is payable on and after MONDAY, the 17th day of February current, at the Offices of the Corporation, 30 Wall Street, New York. By Order of the Court of Directors, J. B. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. 380

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Prices: \$3, \$2, and \$1. Seats can be booked on and after WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst., at Messrs. MOUTRIE & CO'S. Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. 384

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. C. J. TYNDAL-LEA has ceased to have any further connection with us. R. F. HUME & CO. Hongkong, 14th February, 1908. 376

## NOTICE.

WE have CLOSED temporarily our Agency here. For Particulars apply to Messrs. J. ULLMANN & CO., 34, Queen's Road, Central. UNION COMMERCIAL INDU-CHINOISE. Hongkong, 15th February, 1908. 371

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The Passengers should they so desire, may make arrangements to remain on-board during steamer stay in Manila.

Special arrangements have also been made by Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. and Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1908. 377.

## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Under-Secretary to the 28th February 1908, for the Post of ACTING SECRETARY to the Club for Twelve Months from the 1st April, 1908 to the 1st April, 1909, with the prospect of a permanent appointment as Secretary.

Applicants should be unmarried as residents on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th January, 1908. 285

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY have submitted to the Government revised plans showing the route of the proposed NEW TRAMWAY from the Queen's Road end of Battery Path via GLENVIEW VALLEY to the PEAK. The route now proposed runs the lower part of the North-eastern edge of the Public Gardens and then passing on trestles along their Western extremity, and within 100 yards of the Roman Catholic Cathedral crosses Robinson Road about 30 yards to the East of its junction with Conduit Road. Continuing upwards it passes within 120 yards of Island Lot No. 1229 and adjoins the Peak Road opposite Island Lot No. 1144, keeping after that to the Eastern slope of Victoria Peak.

Owners of adjacent property and the general public who may be interested in the effect of the Tramway upon the Public Gardens can inspect the plans and drawings at the Offices of the Director of Public Works for a period of one month from this date between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 230

## DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. 1444

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in that Company will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong 3th January, 1908. 230

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 4 P.M. in the City Hall, for the following purposes, viz:—

1. To receive the Report and Account of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1907.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To consider the following Resolution:—That in consequence of the importance of the Trade existing between this Port and Bombay it is resolved under rule XXIII to increase the Number of the Committee from 9 to 10 so as to include a merchant interested in the Bombay Trade.
4. To transact any general business.

By order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary. Hongkong, 12th February, 1908. 383

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings on TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1908 at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th February to TUESDAY, the 25th February (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. Agents for the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LD. Hongkong, 15th February, 1908. 373

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions on TUESDAY, the 25th February at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary. Hongkong, 5th February, 1908. 314

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-NINTH MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 20th February to 5th March, both days inclusive.

By Order, GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary. Hongkong, 14th February, 1908. 383

## AUCTION

AAOEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 114

## PONIES PONIES! PONIES!

THE Underigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by PUBLIC ROUP opposite the CITY HALL, On WEDNESDAY, next, the 19th February, 1908, at 4 P.M. 50 LOTS.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 19th February, 1908. 381

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The possibilities of selective breeding of plants to resist adverse conditions have been almost entirely overlooked. A. F. Woods, of the United States Bureau of Plant Industry, points out that we lose the benefits of a destructive drought, a cold wave, an epidemic of disease, or a crop failure by neglecting to save the few plants left, which might supply seed that would give progeny, having some peculiarity making them proof against the cause of the general destruction. Will-resistant cotton, will-resistant cow-peas and flax, and cow-peas and flax resistant to nematode or root-knot have originated in this way. Other and thickly-populated regions having been forced to save everything, drought-resistant durum wheats have been developed in the dry parts of Russia and Asia and around the Mediterranean, drought-resistant alfalfa and other forage crops in the same region, cold-resistant alfalfa in Siberia, cold-resistant winter-wheats in Russia, and other special crops. We may have like good things without waiting for the stress of necessity. The cold-resisting quality of the trifoliate indible orange can be combined with the froit qualities of the tender sweet orange; the disease-resistant quality of the citron with the fruit quality of the edible melons; the rust-resistant quality of the durum wheat with the berry of the blue stem; the cold-resistance of the wild crab with fruit of our finer apples, and so on.

While cannon-firing for breaking up hail clouds has proven a failure, Siguor Moggiara, an Italian, believes it would disperse fog. He attributes the persistence of London's fog to stagnation of the air, and concludes that six air miles from Westminster would dissipate the heaviest fog in twenty minutes. The cost of ten projectors would be about \$25,000, the expense of discharging them, very slight.

Calcium being now a commercial product, its possibilities were considered in a British Association paper by Arthur E. Pratt. It is a volatile, silvery white metal, about as hard as aluminium, melting at 800 C., having a specific gravity of only 1.52, fairly malleable, and a good conductor of electricity. Its useful applications will probably depend chiefly upon its powerful action as a reducing agent and in the refining of metals. It reduces impure metals like copper, giving solid castings, by reducing oxides and sulphides, by eliminating dissolved gases, and by uniting with certain impurities to form less deleterious compounds; but in excess the calcium itself causes brittleness. In alloys, the only promise of calcium seems to depend upon its hardening property and its effect in giving increased chemical activity.

The problem of utilizing the vast accumulations of dust from the screening of coal has been solved by a French chemist by mixing the fine coal with beetroot pulp and resin, and forming into briquettes. The fuel thus prepared burns freely without crumbling, giving intense heat with practically no smoke. The beetroot pulp is the waste from the manufacture of beet sugar, and hitherto has been practically useless. This invention offers another promising method of lengthening out the continuance of our fuel supply.

The work of orators and singers has been found by Dr. Naragie of Paris to vary greatly with the pitch of the voice. The bass voice is at a great disadvantage, and in the same hall it requires seventeen to eighteen times as much work as the baritone or tenor voice to give the same impression. Powerful, deep voiced men are more fatigued by the same oratorical or musical performance than more delicate men with voices of higher pitch, or than women and children.

Two new meteorological instruments, the invention of Prof. de Gallien Garcia of Barcelona, give promise of usefulness in countries, like England and France, which are visited by thunderstorms from the ocean or from a direction that can have no weather station to give warning signals. What he calls the coranograph takes advantage of the fact that even the feeblest lightning flash generates electric waves. A receiver equipped with a Morse telegraph recorder registers every flash not more than 1,000 kilometers (621 miles) away, and thus shows when a thunderstorm is in progress within that distance. To distinguish between two or more storms coming simultaneously he has designed another apparatus, which he has named the coranophone. This seems to be a modification of the loud-speaking, telephone and not only enables the observer to detect storms at even greater distance, but may show whether they are approaching or receding.

The pressure of the wind, which is calculated so carefully by builders of bridges and other large structures, proves to be greater in actual experience than in the tests on small models. Wind of a certain velocity, for instance, gave 18 per cent. less pressure when striking a single square foot of surface than when

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exerted against 100 square feet and this relation is constant for all flat forms, however complicated. Knowing that his structure may be exposed to an 80-mile wind, an engineer must add 20 per cent to the pressure on his test model for that of his large structure. The reason appears to be that the large body more thoroughly reduces the pressure on the lee side.

The abnormal orbits have led some astronomers to believe that comets come from beyond the solar system. Late researchers have convinced M. Foyet, the French astronomer, otherwise, and he concludes that all recorded comets are as much a part of the sun's family as are the planets.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong, 15th February, 1908.—Rice holidays have stopped the business almost completely, and we have consequently very few transactions to report to-day, rates being nearly unchanged. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 11-1/16d., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 7-1/4 for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 7-1/4 for a three days' sight Private Draft. Bariliver in London is quoted 25-1/16d., and Consols 287-1/16. The Bank of England rate of discount remains at 4 per cent., while the market rate of discount is 3-1/2 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—A few small lots of Hongkong and Shanghai bank at \$720 for old and \$715 for new shares, at which rates shares are on offer; London quotes \$80 and \$79 respectively. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold and have buyers at \$850. North Chinese can be placed at Tls. 75. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Hongkong shares at \$335. Chinas remain on offer at \$38.

SHIPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Amoy Steamboat shares can be placed at \$29; Indo-China have improved slightly, and sales have been reported at \$86, \$87 and \$88 for preference and deferred shares combined; at latter rate they close steady; Shanghai quotes sales at Tls. 51 for end of next month, while London quotes preference shares at 24. 5s. 0d., and deferred shares at 23. 0s. 0d. Union Water-boat sold at \$104 own dividend, and we now quote the stock \$10 sellers or the dividend of 50 cents per share paid to-day. Shell Transport are quite at \$45, London quoting sales at \$44. 3d. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without transactions.

REVENUE.—China Sugars have been done at \$110 and \$111, and have buyers at the latter rate. Lurons are unchanged.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Bambu sold at 73 and 74 and have probable buyers at the higher rate. Chinese Engineering and Company shares can be placed in the north at Tls. 15-1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks sold at \$98, but the market closes quiet at the figure. Fanwick, as well as New Amoy Docks, are unchanged. Shanghai Docks are firmer, Shanghai wiring a quotation of Tls. 84. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are quoted \$55 old and \$53 for new shares, at which rates business has been done. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are quoted Tls. 213.

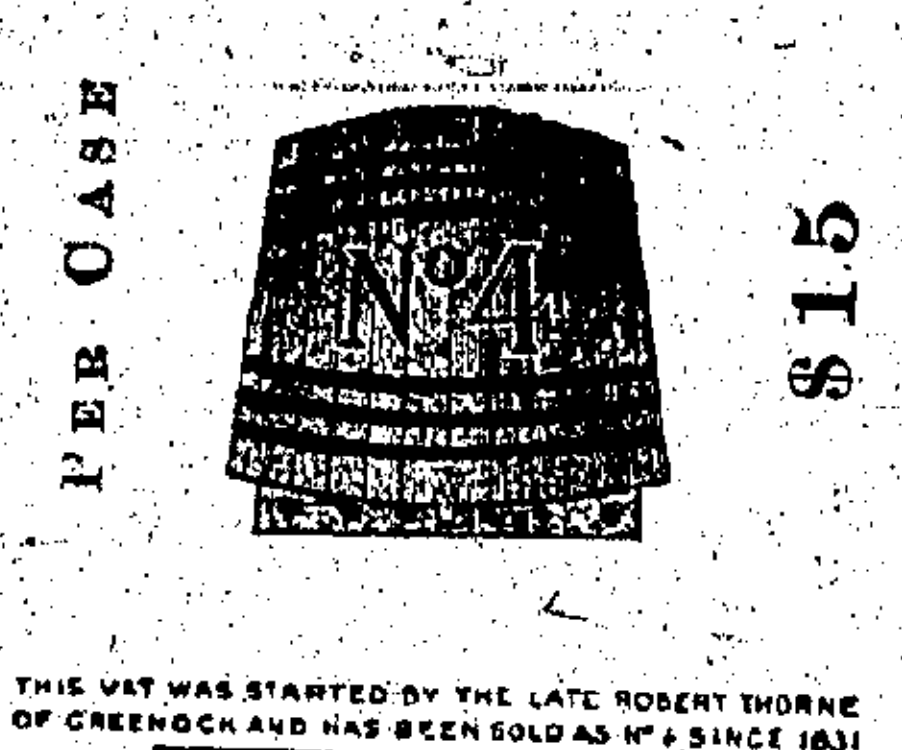
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong "Lands" are unchanged at \$101, while Kowloon have dropped a point and are for sale at \$93; West Point are quiet at \$48, and Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$11-1/2. Hongkong Estates changed owners at \$10 and \$10-1/2 and continue in request at the lower figure. Shanghai lands are quoted Tls. 108.

CORROX MILLS.—Without sales and unchanged, except Loon Kang Mills, for which Shanghai gives a quotation of Tls. 75 sellers, and Bows, which are up to Tls. 58.

SUNDAY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—China Light and Powers sold at \$5, and Hongkong Electric at \$14. Green Island Cement have been done at \$11-1/2 and \$11-1/2, closing with sellers at the higher rate. Ropes are wanted at \$25. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have been fixed at \$94 and \$93, closing with sellers at latter rate. China-Borneo fetched \$103, and have further sellers. Langkai are quiet at Tls. 420, after falling from Tls. 450 to Tls. 410; A. S. Watsons are for sale at \$104. No change in other stocks under this heading.

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
**ANAMA**, British str., 1,355, C. J. Matlock, 14th February—Saigon 11th February, Hico-Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**CARL DINDRICHSEN**, German str., 774, T. Kayser, 14th Feb.—Haiphong Feb. 11th, and Hoihow 13th, Hico & General—Johsen & Co.  
**CHONGCHING**, British str., 1,256, F. Wheeler, 15th February—Chefoo via Weihaiwei 14th Feb, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**CHIKU**, British str., 1,153, J. Warrack, 15th February—Haiphong Feb. 11th, & Hoihow 13th, Hico and General—Butterfield & Swire.  
**CHONGYANG**, British str., 1,424, A. E. Sandback, 15th February—Saigon via Swatow 15th February, General and Sheep—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**DREWENT**, British str., 1,556, J. Jenkins, 15th Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb, Hico—Chongchong.  
**ELGIN**, British str., 2,443, Potts, 15th February—Portland 26th January and Mororan 5th Feb, Grains—Hongkong Milling & Co.  
**FOOCHOW**, British str., 1,227, J. Davies, 18th February—Swatow 15th February—Butterfield & Swire.  
**GLINGLOU**, British str., 2,300, Tarkins, 15th February—Singapore 6th Feb, General—Chongchong.  
**HAIPHONG**, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins, 15th February—Oat Port 14th Feb, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.  
**HELIOTES**, Dutch str., 1,070, Halsecher, 15th February—Balk, Peppan, 6th February, Liquid Fuel—Asiatic Petroleum Co.  
**HANOI**, French str., 742, Zerk, 18th February—Haiphong Feb. 12th, and Hoihow 14th, General—A. E. Maty.  
**KAGOSHIMA**, Jap. str., 3,592, T. Buruga, 15th February—Saigon 14th Feb, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
**KWANGCHOW**, Chinese str., 18th Feb.—Canton.  
**LYDIA**, German str., 16th February—Canton.  
**RIOSUN MARU**, Japanese str., 2,975, T. Iriawara, 15th February—Bombay and Singapore.  
**SOSU MARU**, Japanese str., 1,119, T. Buruga, 16th February—Shanghai 9th February, General—Oseka Shosen Kaisha.  
**YATSHING**, British str., 15th Feb.—Canton.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 15th February.  
**DAUMORTH**, British str., for Rangoon.  
**ELGIN**, British str., for Phranang Bay.  
**KUTANO**, British str., for Shanghai.  
**MANCHURIA**, American str., for San Francisco.  
**PROMETHEUS**, Norwegian str., for Swatow.  
**RUBI**, German str., for Bangkok.  
**RUBI**, British str., for Manila.  
**VORWARTS**, German str., for K. C. Wan.  
**WINNEBAGO**, British str., for Hongkong.  
 16th February.  
**DANIN MARU**, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
**PEITHOF**, Norwegian str., for Saigon.  
**HAIMUN**, British str., for Coast Ports.  
**HELIOTES**, Dutch str., for Torakan.  
**HONGKONG**, British str., for Saigon.  
**HUPIN**, British str., for Haiphong.  
**KAGOSHIMA MARU**, Jap. str., for Singapore.  
**NERITE**, Dutch str., for Singapore.  
**QUINTA**, German str., for Haiphong.  
**YATSHING**, British str., for Hongkong.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Glenagie* reports: Strong N. E. monsoon.  
 The British str. *Foochow* reports: Moderate monsoon and fine weather.  
 The British str. *Chongchong* reports: Moderate monsoon and sea, overcast and showery.  
 The British str. *Dorset* reports: Fresh to strong monsoon, cloudy weather and sharp head sea throughout.  
 The British str. *Chongchong* reports: Moderate monsoon and sea throughout. Promontory to Sables, bright clear weather. Sables to Fort, overcast and wet with intermittent haze.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 15th.  
**ABERDEEN DOCKS**—*Laertes*.  
**ROWLOON DOCKS**—*Neil Melod*, *Persia*, *Amigo*, *Sorsogon*, *Cylopp*, *Shantung*, *Kaifong*, *Germania*.  
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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG	FLAG & REG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 20th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 22nd inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 4th March.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 13th inst. at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 4th Mar. at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN, &c.	OCEANIAN	Den. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	PETRONIA	Den. str.	—	—	—	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	On 28th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRICA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	On 10th March.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ELAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	On 3rd March.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERA, GIBRALTAR, &c.	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 26th inst. at Noon.
BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	—	—	On 28th inst.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KENNEBEC	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 24th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INDIAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 7th March.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SAINT PATRICK	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 22nd inst. at 3 P.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	—	About 16th March.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	LEWIS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	On 12th Mar. at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	T'NG MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 23rd Mar. at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	SHAWMUT	Am. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
CALLAO AND IQUIQUE VIA JAPAN PORTS, &c.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 21st inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KASATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 3rd Mar. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KANANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	Sometime in March.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	SPERZA	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 21st inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PAINE SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 3rd Mar. at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EASTERN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 29th inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YANATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 20th Mar. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	On 9th Mar. at 4 P.M.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 22nd inst. at D'light
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TSUNAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 19th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TRIPANAS	Den. str.	—	—	—	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	CATHAY	Den. str.	—	—	—	To-day.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	MANILA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 18th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TOKIN	Frete. str.	—	—	—	About 17th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	LUCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	CHOWANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 19th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SOSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 20th inst. at 8 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SAMBALU	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	On 22nd inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HONENSTADT	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	—	On 24th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TRAMQUER	Den. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd March.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KAKASAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	About 3rd March.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 13th Mar. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 19th inst. at D'light.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	—	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	On 21st inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	YUENANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 22nd inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 25th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	On 28th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 29th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 9 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 26th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KAGOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 20th inst. at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	NAMANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 27th inst. at 3 P.M.
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"CATHAY"	On 17th February.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE	"PETRONIA"	On 21st February.
COPENHAGEN & ST. PETERSBURG	"TRANQUEBAR"	On 26th February.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE		

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\* MANILA

\* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "YUENSANG" ... Thursday, 21st Feb., 3 P.M.

\* MANILA

\* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "LAISANG" ... Thursday, 27th Feb., 3 P.M.

\* MANILA

\* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "LOONGSANG" ... Friday, 28th Feb., 4 P.M.

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The *Tokio*, with the French mail of the 17th January, and Supplementary mail of the 18th January, left Saigon on Friday, the 14th instant, at 2 p.m. and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th December.

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hainan	Monday, 17th, 9.00 a.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 17th, 1.15 p.m.
Takao and Anping	Sui Tai	Monday, 17th, 4.00 p.m.
Bangkok	Sui Tai	Monday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.
Kudat and Sandakan	Sui Tai	Monday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.
Haiphong	Sui Tai	Monday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Hainan	Tuesday, 18th, 9.00 a.m.
	Haiching	Tuesday, 18th, 9.00 a.m.

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Bangkok	Shantung	Tuesday, 18th, 1.00 p.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 1.15 p.m.
Shanghai	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Yokohama and Kobe	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Manila	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Penang and Colombo	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.
Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Adelaide, Perth & Fremantle	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 18th, 3.00 p.m.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO.  
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 1.15 p.m.
Manila	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 3.00 p.m.
Europe, &c., India via Tutuorin	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 3.00 p.m.
(Late letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 3.00 p.m.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 3.00 p.m.
The Parcel mail will be closed Friday, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.	Sui Tai	Friday, 21st, 3.00 p.m.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 p.m.
Manila	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 p.m.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Adelaide, Perth & Fremantle	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 p.m.

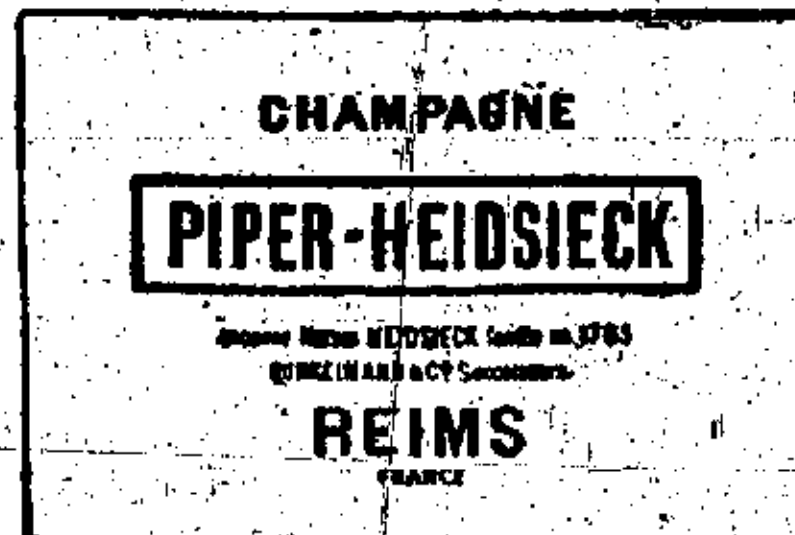
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## COMMERCIAL

## EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 15th.

ON LONDON.	Telegraphic Transfer	1/11
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/11

ON PARIS.	Bank Bills, on demand	242
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	243

ON GERMANY.	Bank Bills, on demand	197
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ON NEW YORK.	Bank Bills, on demand	40
	Credit, at 60 days' sight	48

ON BOMBAY.	Telegraphic Transfer	144
	Bank on demand	145

ON CALCUTTA.	Telegraphic Transfer	144
	Bank on demand	145

ON SHANGHAI.	Bank, at sight	74
	Private, 30 days' sight	75

ON YOKOHAMA.	On demand	94
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ON MANILA.	On demand	84
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ON SINGAPORE.	On demand	201 p.m.
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ON BATAVIA.	On demand	115
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ON HONGKONG.	On demand	54 p.m.
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ON BANGKOK.	On demand	54 p.m.
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ON SOERABAYA.	Bank's Buying Rate	10.25
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GOLD LEAF.	100 fine, per tola	\$54.20
SILVER.	per oz.	2.65

SUBSIDIARY COINS.	per cent.	
Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$8.00 discount
Hongkong	10 "	8.40 "
	10 "	7.25 "
	10 "	7.60 "

OPUM.	February 15th.	
Malwa New	per picul	\$350
Malwa Old	per picul	\$1000
Malwa Older	per picul	\$1010
Malwa V. Old	per picul	\$1070
Patana fine quality	per picul	\$870
Patana extra fine	per picul	\$870
Patana New	per picul	\$870
Patana Old	per picul	\$870
Ben res New	per picul	\$977
Ben res Old	per picul	\$977

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THE FRENCH MAIL.		
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THE INDIAN MAIL.		
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THE AMERICAN MAIL.		
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THE GERMAN MAIL.		
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THE J.C.M. str. <i>Prins Ludvig</i> left Genoa on the 5th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.		
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THE I.G.M. str. <i>Maria</i> left Sydney on Tuesday, 11th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.		
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THE P. & O. str. <i>Manila</i> left Singapore for this port, on the 10th inst., at 5 p.m.		
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THE Ben Line str. <i>Benbow</i> from Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore on 11th inst. for this port.		
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THE J.C.M. str. <i>Lijn</i> left Kobe via Moji and Kuchino for this port on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.		
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THE Danish str. <i>Tranquebar</i> left Colombo on Friday, the 14th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 28th inst.		
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THE E. & A. str. <i>Aldenhurst</i> left Sydney on 5th inst. for this port (via Queensland Ports and Manila).		
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January 22nd - <i>Monmouthshire</i> , <i>Sutsuma</i> , <i>Patroclus</i> , <i>Antiochus</i> , 25th - <i>Bismarck</i> , <i>Palma</i> , <i>Santia</i> , <i>Peking</i> , <i>Palmer</i> , 29th - <i>Hohenzollern</i> , <i>Benbow</i> , <i>Myrmidon</i> , 30th - <i>Feb. 1st - <i>Albatross</i>, <i>Castle</i>, <i>Sikh</i>, <i>Andreas</i>, <i>Richmond</i>, 5th - <i>Burns</i>, <i>Diomed</i>, <i>Glenariff</i>, <i>Pelusa</i>, <i>Pervia</i>, <i>Benderson</i>, 8th - <i>Idemoneus</i>, <i>Polynesian</i>, <i>Inaba</i>, <i>Mary</i>, <i>Wakana</i>, <i>Mary</i>, <i>Belgravia</i>, 12th - <i>Benary</i>, <i>Memnon</i>, <i>Ceylan</i>, <i>Peiso</i>, 15th - <i>Ceylon</i>, <i>Mary</i>, <i>Belgravia</i>, <i>Stentor</i>, <i>Jason</i>, <i>Nile</i>, <i>Stavros</i>, 16th - <i>ARRIVAL AT HOME.</i></i>		
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## JOINT STOCK SHARE.

Hongkong, February 16th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
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Alhambra	Pa. 200	Nominal.
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Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$750, sellers
	\$125	\$715, sellers
		Ln. 250.
		Ln. 270.

National B. of China	28	\$61.
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Sui's Asbestos E. A.	12a. 6d.	\$73, buyers
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China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$194, sellers
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China Light & P. Co.	\$12	45, sales
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China Provident	\$10	\$84, sellers
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Cotton Mills	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Ewo	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong	11a. 50	11a. 50
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International	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Laon Kung How	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Soyabean	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Dairy Farm	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Donks and Wharves	11a. 50	11a. 50
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H. & K. Wharf & G.	11a. 50	11a. 50
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New Amoy Dock	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Shanghai Dock	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Shanghai & H. Wharf	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Green Island Cement	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong Electric	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong Hotel Co.	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong Ice Co.	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong Milling Co. Ltd.	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Hongkong Rope Co.	11a. 50	11a. 50
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Land and Building	11a. 50	11a. 50
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